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I'm sure. When the iron is hot, it must be struck. That's what a farrier might say. Some people say that opportunity knocks once. But for black people, other minority groups of color, and to some extent the rural people, when opportunity knocks, the door is not open. It's just a slit. It opens and shuts almost instantaneously. You have to be poised there, ready to make your move at any instant, without warning, so when the sliver is open, you shoot through it. This is a little more than a sliver. But that which is on the other side is not a huge pot of gold. It's an amount of money which will lend a degree of credibility...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to a program. It should not start out with a disadvantage, and being crippled to the point where, as Senator Stuthman said, four projects, and everything is gone. Who's going to win the race to get that little bit of money for those few projects? The rural community should not always and forever be put in that set of circumstances. If we get the \$1 million, that is not going to solve all of the problems. But it will be enough to give opportunities like they're giving everywhere else, so that if one or two of the projects fail, they will not constitute such a large percentage of the program that you say, kill it all, it's not worth it. Nothing is going to be perfect. You do the best you can. But you ought to give people the tools with which you want them to fashion whatever the product is...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that you're requiring them to bring into being. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Fischer, your light is next.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Madam President. The amendment that Senator Chambers has brought addresses one of the programs that I've supported throughout this session, dealing with Senator Cunningham's original bill, LB 273. I think it is a